

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02108

AREA	FORM NO.
	465



wn Lexington

dress 32 Vine Brook Road

storic Name Russell-Raymond-Valentine

House

e: Present residential

Original residential

DESCRIPTION:

ite 1794

Source Edwin B. Worthen

Style Federal/Colonial Revival

Architect

Exterior wall fabric clapboards

Outbuildings

Major alterations (with dates) remodeled

and given Colonial Revival dormers and

doorway (1896)

Moved Yes (from Mass Ave) Date 1941

Approx. acreage 31860 ft.²

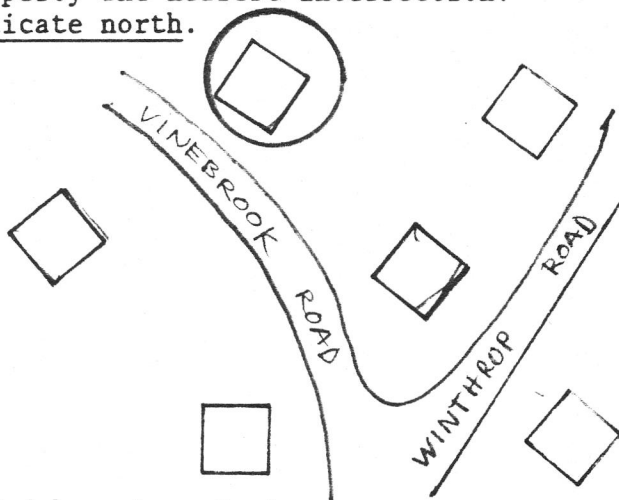
Setting Residential street of houses of

mixed date, several others moved here

from elsewhere.

SKETCH MAP

Show property's location in relation to nearest cross streets and/or geographical features. Indicate all buildings between inventoried property and nearest intersection. Indicate north.



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Organization Lexington Historical Commission

Date April, 1984

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ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (Describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within the community.)

This house, built in 1794, remodeled c. 1896 and moved to this site in 1941, retains Federal finishes in the front rooms, the original portion of the house. The left hand room exhibits a simple mantelpiece with panelled pilasters and a broad frieze. The stair hall has a single run staircase with cut-out scrolled step-end decoration and turned balusters. The balusters are more substantial than typical Federal balusters and the newel post is of the "pot bellied" type.

(see Continuation Sheet)

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (Explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community.)

The house was built on the site of Decelles on Massachusetts Avenue in 1794 by Joshua Russell, a boot and shoemaker, at the time of his marriage to Susanna Smith on land owned by her father, Jonathan, a leather tanner. In 1855 the property was purchased from Russell's heirs by Freeborn Fairfield Raymond, a former resident of Boston. Raymond, a businessman, had been a councilman, assessor, school committeeman and commissioner for 17 years in Boston.

Dr. Henry C. Valentine, physician and surgeon, married Mary Sherburne in 1896, and they occupied the house thereafter. The house was owned by Mary's father, Warren Sherburne. Sherburne moved the house back on the lot and remodeled it in the Colonial Revival style in 1896. Valentine was a member of Lexington's Board of Health from 1894 to 1900 and was town physician from 1894 until after 1913.

In 1941 Eugene Viano moved the house to its new site on Vine Brook Road to make way for the construction of the building currently occupied by Decelles.

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Letter from Edwin B. Worthen to Eugene Viano, February 7, 1941.

Lexington Minute Man, April 10, 1896.

Snapshots of house moving. Worthen Collection, Cary Memorial Library.

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

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Indicate each item on inventory form which is being continued below.

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

The right hand room has an elaboratively molded cornice and an unusual frieze. The frieze is made of two rows of diagonally placed reeding, giving the effect of a herringbone pattern. The dado in this room has a frieze with applied diamond shapes. The mantelpiece has been removed, but the chimney in this room was apparently on the rear wall, rather than on the end wall as in the left hand room

The building, now two rooms deep, was embellished with doorway with leaded glass fan- and sidelights with elaborate lead tracery and dormer windows with arched tracery in the Colonial Revival period. The rear ell of the house is now a separate house at 27 Vine Brook Road and the barn was moved to 14 Vine Brook Road and converted into a house.

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